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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Regina Gasco Bentley

Date: March 27-30, 2013

Re: 19th Annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference

The 18th Annual Anishnaabemowin-Teg Language conference started off Wednesday, March 27, 2012 with registration and meet and greet. I was a nice time to visit with other tribal members.

Thursday, March 29, 2012, I attended "Ojibwe Baby Moss Bag Teachings", presented by Marilyn Debassige, and "How we prepare a sacred bundle for our ancestors: An oral history of Ojibwe baby moss bag teachings", presented by Marilyn Debassige. The first workshop focused on the traditional ways of gathering, harvesting and preparing the foods they compared to modern ways. In the second workshop she demonstrated the Indigenous knowledge and teachings such as Grandmother Hand Drum Teachings, Amulet Bags, songs, etc. I also attended Noojimowin-Healing presented by Kenny Pheasant...He spoke on the healing process that his family went thru when someone walks into the spirit world. He also spoke of the words and the meaning behind them as they are used to help with the healing process.

Friday, March 30, 2012, I attended an arts and crafts workshop, where I learned to do beading. Later, I attended Double vowel System and Transcriptions as presented by Patricia Ningewance.

Saturday, March 31, 2012 I went to the workshop for "Traditional Songs and Protocols."

I would like to again say chii-miigwech to the tribal council for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this conference yet again. Being able to be surrounded by our youth, adults, and elders speaking the language is a wonderful experience, and has a way of showing how alive our language and culture still is today. And also how very important the language department

is to keeping the language strong in our community.

Regina Bentley